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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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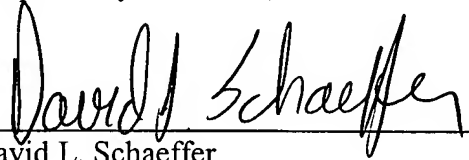
Furthermore, the cited references constitute the art of record from parent application no. 09/996,860, which is relied upon for an earlier effective filing date pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of such prior art have not been submitted.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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